

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-16 are pending. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of claims 12-16, and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2- 9 and 11. Claim 12 has been amended for idiomatic reasons, without a narrowing of the subject matter recited therein..

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,456,249 to Johnson et al. ("Johnson").

The Examiner cites Johnson Figs. 17-19, and column 10, lines 14-36, and contends that capacitive tuning element 164 is a single matching element. The Examiner also contends that the shunt fed resonator 17 is a monopole base element. (Detailed Action, item 3, page 2.)

Applicants submit that the portion of Johnson relied on by the Examiner discloses an antenna having three elements and two operating bands. The upper band is implemented by the shunt fed resonator 17, "with a ground connection at location 166 and a connection to the center conductor 168 of the coax signal line 170 at feed point 12." (Johnson, column 10, lines 46-48.) Thus, as is readily understood by a person of ordinary skill in the art, resonator 17 is a Planar Inverted-F Antenna (PIFA), and not "a monopole-type base element," as recited in claims 1 and 10. In particular, it is known in the art that a PIFA antenna requires positioning over a ground plane at a

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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